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### The Sofia Central Prison

1. The Central Prison in Sofia has been rebuilt and enlarged recently. One section of it is now used by the State Security Services. Another section has been rebuilt to accommodate 11 punishment cells, each one meter square and 1.8 meters high. These cells are in constant use, mainly for the purpose of making prisoners talk.

2. [redacted] the following individuals as currently or having been in the past imprisoned in the Sofia Central Prison:

- a. Krūstys Pastukhov, former leader of the now-outlawed Social Democratic Party; he was arrested in 1948 and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment; his death from old age was publicly announced in 1950, but [redacted] that actually he was strangled in his sleep when in Sliven Prison by a criminal convict, Anton Pop Antonov, and that later, when Antonov was transferred from the Sliven to the Sofia Prison he admitted the murder, saying that he had been told to do it by Sliven Prison authorities;

- b. Traicho Kostov, former acting premier (in place of Georgi Dimitrov), secretly executed in the Sofia Prison: 25

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e. Dobri Minev, industrialist and former owner of the Gloria Factory; was arrested and thrown from the third-floor window of the police building and killed;

f. Kiril Todorov, age 30; son of the exiled politician, now dead, Kosta Todorov;

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the following inmates of the Belene Forced Labor Camp:

a. Aveto Trampov, a former Social Democrat who was editor of Svoboden Naroy, the Social Democratic newspaper; he was a member of Parliament; after his arrest he was interned on a small island on the Danube, where he did forced labor; he died of tetanus after an injury for which the camp doctor refused to give him the needed serum injection; and

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